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MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary, United States Intelligence Board

SUBJECT: Emergency Planning

REFERENCE: (a) USIB D-7.1/2, 5 June 1959
(b) USIB D-7.1/6, 9 September 1959

1. Transmitted herewith is the emergency planning report of the Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications (PROCIB).
2. This report is intended as an outline of the functions that would probably occur at some time during an emergency. Implementation would of course involve detailed staff work that could be undertaken following approval of the plan in some generalized form.
3. Further progress in emergency planning by this Committee will be difficult until the following areas are clarified:

a. Relocation Site. The availability of a hardened site for relocation has not been confirmed. Guidance will be needed if it is decided to designate in advance alternative sites which are either partially hardened or sufficiently dispersed to give good likelihood that one would be operable relatively soon following a nuclear attack.

b. Stand-by Personnel. Realistic provision should be made for operating without the personnel now stationed in Washington, D.C.

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Individuals in similar activities could be briefed in general terms and might even be brought to Washington on "active duty" for one or two weeks each year.

c. Instruction Kits. If operations are contemplated at some distance from Washington this would suggest that untrained or partially trained persons might be at least temporarily in charge. They would need summary information on sources, procedures, channels of communication, etc.

d. Money. Almost all further preparation for operations in an emergency would require outlays of money by the agencies involved.

e. Re-planning. This Committee, like most others, is heavily dependent on the resources and plans of its members and other committees. For example, any decision modifying the responsibilities or location of ASDIC would be of very great concern to PROCEB.


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